Irrigation schemes in the North-East

1044. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irrigation schemes proposed for the North East in the year, 2007-2008;

(b) the number of schemes already implemented in the North East before the current year;

(c) the data of target land in the said schemes;

(d) land actually covered in the said schemes; and

(e) whether any discrepancies have been discovered with regard to selection of land area to be covered in irrigation schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Water being a State subject, the irrigation schemes are planned, funded and implemented by the State Governments as per their own priorities. Government of India provides financial and technical support which is catalytic and promotional in nature. No proposal for inclusion of any new major/medium irrigation projects under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) during the year 2007-08 has been received so far. Under AIBP, 249 Minor Irrigation schemes were received from NE States during 2007-08 till date and included under AIBP for funding.

(b) 18 Nos. of Major and Medium Irrigation schemes were already included under AIBP before the current year. A total number of 4719 Nos. of Minor Irrigation schemes were included under AIBP upto March, 2007.

(c) The target potential of 18 major/medium irrigation schemes and 4719 Minor Irrigation schemes under AIBP are 239.702 th. ha. and 211.538 th. ha. respectively.

(d) No difference has been reported between land actually covered and target potentials of above schemes.

(e) No discrepancies have been reported with regard to selection of land area to be covered in irrigation schemes so far.

Krishna drinking water supply project

1045. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted for clearance the Krishna Drinking Water Supply Project Phase-II;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that his Ministry has cleared Rs.830 crore for the Krishna Drinking Water Supply Project Phase-II; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Urban Development have reported that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a project "Krishna Drinking Water Supply Project Phase–II" with an estimated cost of Rs.830 crores under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).

Increasing irrigation potential in the country

1046. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether net sown area in the country is 132.8 million hectare and net irrigated area is 53.07 milllion hectare, and how much is surface and ground irrigated, percentage thereof;

(b) whether about 60 per cent of the net sown area is dependent upon vagaries of the Monsoon;

(c) if so, what steps are intended to be taken to improve the scenario and to increase the irrigation potential having assured water supply;

(d) the achievements thereof during last three years; and

(e) what is the future road-map thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) According to the Land Use Statistics for 2003-04 compiled by Ministry of Agriculture, the net sown area in the country is estimated to be 140.9 million hectare and the net irrigated area (NIA) is 55.1 million hectare. The source-wise details are as under:

(i)	Canals	15.14 Million hectare (27.48% NIA)
(ii)	Tanks	1.94 Million hectare (3.52% of NIA)
(iii)	Wells	35.26 Million hectare (64.00% of NIA)
(iv)	Other sources	2.75 Million hectare (5.00% of NIA)

(c) to (e) Irrigation being a State subject, irrigation projects are conceived, planned and implemented by the State Governments as per their own priority. As per the available information, the irrigation potential of 102.77 Mha. has been created upto March, 2007 out of ultimate irrigation potential of 139.9 Mha. The irrigation potential created in the last three years are as under: